

Definitions

Assembly—Activities of the Teams and Organizers that have to do with assembling and installing the Solar Decathlon Solar Village on the National Mall for the Event and Competition.

Chief Observer—The individual selected by the Organizers to direct and oversee the activities of the Observers.

Competition— All aspects of the Solar Decathlon that relate to the 10 Contests and the scoring of those Contests.

Construction—The Teams' activities that have to do with constructing their Solar Decathlon houses (all of the components) on the teams' original sites (e.g., their campuses) before the houses are transported to the National Mall for the Event and Competition.

Contest—One of the 10 categories in which teams will be evaluated against each other to determine a winner of the Competition.

Contest Activity—An individually scored component within a Contest. Some Contests consist of only one Contest Activity; other Contests consist of multiple Contest Activities.

Contest Officials—Individuals appointed by the Organizers to monitor specific Contest Activities. Contest Officials are responsible (1) for interpreting the Rules and Regulations specific to the Contest(s) that they have been appointed to officiate and (2) for identifying any infractions of the Rules and Regulations that relate to those Contest(s).

Contest Week—The period of approximately 7 to 9 days on the National Mall when some or all Contests are active.

Decathlete—A registered, student team member allowed to participate in Contest Activities during the Contest Week.

Director—The individual with the ultimate decision-making authority regarding all aspects of the Project.

Disassembly—Activities of the Teams and Organizers that have to do with the expeditious removal of everything (e.g., structures, equipment, tools, vehicles, trash, and debris) from the National Mall after completion of the Event and Competition.

Event—The series of activities that take place at the Event site (in Washington, D.C., and on the National Mall). Activities include, but are not limited to, registration, Assembly, inspection, Competition, special events, hours of public access, and Disassembly.

Event Sponsor—An entity identified by the Organizers that supports the overall Solar Decathlon. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is the primary sponsor of the Solar Decathlon. DOE partners with other institutions—such as its National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the American Institute of Architects, and BP—support the Project.

Event Staff—A team of individuals selected by the Organizers to conduct Event activities that include, but are not limited to, registration; safety; village infrastructure, logistics, and Assembly; inspections; instrumentation and monitoring; special events; communications and public outreach; media relations; Contest evaluations; and Disassembly.

Faculty Advisor—An individual team member who is a faculty member from one of the institutions (i.e., school, college, or university) selected for participation in the Project. The Faculty Advisor provides guidance to the team on an as-needed basis throughout the Project and obtains appropriate signatures on documents that require the institution's or institutions' concurrence or authorization.

Headquarters—During the Event, a Headquarters established at the Event site houses administrative and management functions for the Event.

Inspectors—The individuals selected by the Organizers to conduct inspections to ensure compliance with Solar Decathlon Rules and Regulations, including the Solar Decathlon Building Code.

Juror—Individual selected by the Organizers to serve on a Jury.

Jury—A group of individuals selected by the Organizers to carry out Contest Activities requiring subjective evaluations.

Observer—A person who is assigned to a team or teams by the Chief Observer to observe team activities during the Competition. The Observer reports to the Chief Observer any observed violation of the Rules and Regulations but does not provide an official interpretation of the Rules and Regulations. The Observer also verifies that tasks are completed.

Official Scores—The final scores provided by the Scoring Official at the end of the Competition.

Organizers—The body of individuals selected by the Director and Project Manager to be responsible for organizing the Project. The Organizers select Contest Officials, the Scoring Official, the Scorekeeper, Inspectors, Jurors, Observers, the Rules and Regulations Committee, the Protest Resolution Committee, and Event Staff.

Project—All activities involved in the Solar Decathlon from the initial meetings through the conclusion of the Event.

Project Manager—The individual who manages all aspects of the Project, including (but not limited to) such personnel as the Organizers, Rules and Regulations Committee, Inspectors, Jurors, and Event Staff.

Protest Resolution Committee—The group of individuals selected by the Organizers to resolve appropriate team protests during the Competition.

Protest Resolution Committee Chair—The individual selected by the Organizers to oversee the activities of the Protest Resolution Committee.

Rules and Regulations—This document and any requirements, procedures, permissions, and guidelines that govern the Solar Decathlon Project.

Rules and Regulations Committee—The group of individuals selected by the Organizers to be responsible for writing and revising this Rules and Regulations document and its amendments. The Rules and Regulations Committee is also responsible for writing or providing (or both) supplemental documents to the Rules and Regulations.

Rules and Regulations Committee Chair—The individual selected by the Organizers to be responsible for overseeing the activities of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Solar-Only Period—The period of time between 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of the Event and the conclusion of public tour hours on the final public tour day, during which the use of nonsolar fuels is allowed with explicit Organizer approval, but not without a severe penalty.

Scorekeeper—The individual selected by the organizers to operate and maintain the Scoring Spreadsheet during the competition.

Scoring Official—The individual selected by the Organizers to be responsible for unofficial and official scores.

Scoring Spreadsheet—This detailed computer spreadsheet collects and displays data from each team's remote datalogger and provides a place to record data that are not available from remote dataloggers. Unofficial and Official scores are calculated within the spreadsheet.

Team Member—An individual student, faculty member, or other employee from one of the institutions (i.e., school, college, or university) selected to participate in the Project.

Team Sponsor—An entity identified by a team that supports the team's participation in the Solar Decathlon.

Unofficial Scores—All scores published before Official Scores are published.